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Please amend claims 1-24 by rewriting same to read as follows.

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1. (Amended) A data distribution system including an information service center and [a] terminal equipment remote from the information service center and adapted [to distribute an audio data] for distributing a program selected at the terminal equipment from the information service center to the [data] terminal equipment, the information service center comprising:

storage means for storing a plurality of programs;

retrieving means for retrieving a desired program selected at the terminal equipment from the plurality of programs stored in the storage means;

dividing means for dividing the desired program retrieved by the [data] retrieving means into an outline part [allowing to know the] for informing a user of an outline of the [entire] desired program and into a supplement part recombinable with the outline part [to restore] for restoring the [initial] desired program; and

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time-division transmission means for time-division transmission of the outline part and the supplement [data parts] part divided by the [data] dividing means; and the terminal equipment comprising:

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receiving means for receiving the outline part and the supplement [parts distributed] part transmitted from the information service center;

recombining means for recombining the outline part and the supplement [parts] part received by the receiving means; and

reproducing means for reproducing the [initial] desired program based on the outline part used for [the purpose of] monitoring.

1/2 2. (Amended) The data distribution system as set forth in [Claim] claim 1, wherein[:] the desired program includes [an] audio data; and the dividing means comprises:

audio data dividing means for dividing the audio data into a plurality of bands having different respective frequency components; and

encoding means for encoding [the] a frequency component of each of the bands [resulted] resulting from [the] a division of the audio data by the audio data dividing means by allocating a quantization bit to each

one of the frequency [component to mask] components for masking a quantum noise, [to provide] for providing as the outline [data] part an output corresponding to [one] a first band of the plurality of bands, and for providing as the supplement part an output corresponding to [the other band] a second band of the plurality of bands.

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3. (Amended) The data distribution system as set forth in [Claim] claim 1, wherein:

the desired program includes [an] audio data; and

the dividing means generates [an] a first output through addition of a plurality of channels for the audio data and [another] a second output through subtraction of the plurality of channels, [to provide either] for providing one of the [outputs] first output and the second output as the outline part and [the other] a remaining output as the supplement [data] part.

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4. (Amended) The data distribution system as set forth in [Claim] claim 1, wherein:

the desired program includes [an] audio data; and

the dividing means comprises frequency band dividing means for dividing [the] a frequency band of the audio data into an even spectrum and an odd spectrum [to provide either] for providing one of the even spectrum

^{sub 2} and the odd [spectra] spectrum as the outline part and [the other] a remaining spectrum as the supplement part.

45. (Amended) The data distribution system as set forth in [Claim] claim 1, wherein:

the desired program includes [an] audio data; and

the [data] dividing means divides the audio data into [a] vocal data and [an] accompaniment data [to provide either] for providing one of the vocal data and the accompaniment data [thus divided] as the outline part and [the other] remaining data as the supplement part.

46. (Amended) The data distribution system as set forth in [Claim] claim 1, wherein [even], when the supplement part from the information service center [starts being downloaded] begins downloading into the terminal equipment, the outline part is continuously reproduced for [the purpose of] monitoring by the user.

47. (Amended) The data distribution system as set forth in [Claim] claim 1, wherein [the] reproduction of the outline part at the terminal equipment for [the purpose of] monitoring is not counted for billing.

48. (Amended) The data distribution system as

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set forth in [Claim] claim 1, wherein the information service center transmits to the terminal equipment the supplement part including [an] additional lock data for a predetermined billing [to the terminal equipment] and receives from the terminal equipment [a] key data corresponding to the additional lock data, thereby permitting [to reproduce] reproduction of the supplement part at the terminal equipment.

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49. (Amended) An information service center for distributing a program to [a] terminal equipment, comprising:

storage means for storing a plurality of programs;

retrieving means for retrieving a desired program selected at the terminal equipment from the plurality of programs stored in the storage means; and

dividing means for dividing the desired program retrieved by the [data] retrieving means into an outline part [allowing to know the] for informing a user of an outline of the [entire] desired program and into a supplement part recombinable with the outline part [to restore] for restoring the [initial] desired program.

410. (Amended) The information service center as set forth in [Claim] claim 9, wherein[:] the desired

program includes [an] audio data; and the dividing means comprises:

audio data dividing means for dividing the audio data into a plurality of bands having different respective frequency components; and

encoding means for encoding [the] a frequency component of each of the bands [resulted] resulting from [the] a division of the audio data by the audio data dividing means by allocating a quantization bit to each one of the frequency [component to mask] components for masking a quantum noise [, to provide] and for providing as the outline [data] part an output corresponding to [one] a first band of the plurality of bands and as the supplement part an output corresponding to [the other] a second band of the plurality of bands.

11. (Amended) The information service center as set forth in [Claim] claim 9, wherein:

the desired program includes [an] audio data; and

the dividing means generates [an] a first output through addition of a plurality of channels for the audio data and [another] a second output through subtraction of the plurality of channels [, to provide either] for providing one of the [outputs] first output and the second output as the outline part and [the other] a

remaining output as the supplement [data] part.

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12. (Amended) The information service center as set forth in [Claim] claim 9, wherein the desired program includes [an] audio data; and the dividing means comprises:

frequency band dividing means for dividing [the] a frequency band of the audio data into an even spectrum and an odd spectrum [to provide either] for providing one of the even spectrum and the odd [spectra] spectrum as the outline part and [the other] a remaining spectrum as the supplement part.

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13. (Amended) The [data distribution system] information service center as set forth in [Claim] claim 9, wherein:

the desired program includes [an] audio data; and the dividing means divides the audio [part] data into [a] vocal data and [an] accompaniment data [to provide either] for providing one of the vocal data and the accompaniment data [thus divided] as the outline part and [the other] remaining data as the supplement part.

14. (Amended) The [data distribution system] information service center as set forth in [Claim] claim

9, wherein the information service center transmits to the terminal equipment the supplement part including [an] additional lock data for a predetermined billing [to the terminal equipment].

Handwritten: H15. (Amended) [A terminal] Terminal equipment for receiving a program transmitted from an information service center, comprising:

receiving means for receiving [the] an outline part and a supplement [parts] part distributed from the information service center;

first recombining means for recombining the outline part and the supplement [parts] part received by the receiving means; and

reproducing means for reproducing the [initial] program based on the outline part for [the purpose of] monitoring by a user.

H16. (Amended) The terminal equipment as set forth in [Claim] claim 15, wherein:

the program includes [an] audio data;

the audio data [being] is divided into a plurality of bands having different respective frequency components;

[the] a frequency component of each of the bands

[resulted] results from [the] a division of the audio data [being] encoded by allocating a quantization bit to each one of the frequency [component to mask] components for masking a quantum noise; and

[an] a first output corresponding to [one] a first band of the plurality of bands [being] is provided as the outline part while [an] a second output corresponding to [the other] a second band of the plurality of bands is provided as the supplement part.

417. (Amended) The terminal equipment as set forth in [Claim] claim 15, further comprising:

converting means for converting frequency-axial signals of the outline part and [complement data,] the supplement part respectively[,] distributed from the information service center, to time-axial signals[, respectively]; and

second recombining means for recombining [the] converted signals from the converting means for band composition.

418. (Amended) The terminal equipment as set forth in [Claim] claim 15, wherein:

the outline part and the supplement [parts] part distributed from the information service center

respectively include [each an] a first output generated through addition of a plurality of channels and [an] a second output generated through subtraction of the plurality of channels[, respectively]; and

the first recombining means adds and subtracts the outline part and the supplement [data] part to restore the [initial data] program.

19. (Amended) The terminal equipment as set forth in [Claim] claim 15, wherein:

the program includes [an] audio data;

the outline part and the supplement part distributed from the information service center each include [each] an even spectrum and an odd spectrum [resulted] resulting from division of [the] a frequency band of the audio data; and

the first recombining means provides the even spectrum and the odd [spectra] spectrum alternately to the outline part and the supplement part.

20. (Amended) The terminal equipment as set forth in [Claim] claim 15, wherein:

the program includes [an] audio data; and

the outline part and the supplement [parts] part distributed from the information service center include

[a] vocal data and [an] accompaniment data; and
the recombining means recombines the vocal data [and]
with the accompaniment data [together].

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421. (Amended) The terminal equipment as set
forth in [Claim] claim 15, wherein [even], when the
supplement part from the information service center
[starts being downloaded] begins downloading into the
terminal equipment, the outline part is continuously
reproduced for [the purpose of] monitoring by the user.

422. (Amended) The [data distribution system]
terminal equipment as set forth in [Claim] claim 15,
wherein [the[reproduction of the outline part at the
terminal equipment for [the purpose of] monitoring is not
counted for billing.

423. (Amended) The [data distribution system]
terminal equipment as set forth in [Claim] claim 15,
wherein the information service center transmits to the
terminal equipment the supplement part including [an]
additional lock data for a predetermined billing [to the
terminal equipment] and receives from the terminal
equipment [a] key data corresponding to the additional
lock data, thereby permitting [to reproduce] reproduction

of the supplement part at the terminal equipment.

~~H~~ [25] 24. (Amended) A method of distributing a program between an information service center and [a] terminal equipment remote from the information service center, comprising the steps of:

~~dividing a desired program selected at the terminal equipment into an outline part [allowing to know the] for informing a user of an outline of the [entire] desired program, and into a supplement part recombina- ble with the outline part [to restore] for restoring [initial] the desired program;~~

~~transmitting in a time-division manner [the] an outline part and a divided supplement [parts divided by the dividing means] part to the terminal equipment;~~

~~receiving the outline part and the supplement [parts] distributed from the information service center;~~

~~recombining [the] a received outline part and a received supplement [parts received by the receiving means] part; and~~

~~reproducing the [initial] desired program based on the outline part for [the purpose of] monitoring by the user.~~